

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0399

Title: Revise regulation of telemedicine

Primary

Sponsor: Mary Anne Guggenheim

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	0	\$7,854
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	0	\$7,854
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	0	0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Commerce / Professional & Occupational licensing Division

1. It is estimated that 200 physicians will apply for a telemedicine certificate in Montana after the effective date of October 1, 2000.
2. The processing of applications for the issuance of telemedicine certificates will require a 0.25 FTE grade 9, licensing technician.
3. Operating costs for FY 2001 include equipment (\$2,500) and indirect (\$501). Based on the effective date of this bill, no revenues will be collected nor costs expended in FY 2000.
4. A certificate fee of \$40.00 will be assessed to each out-of-state telemedicine applicant.

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5. Rulemaking expenses in FY 2000 for adopting administrative rules prior to the effective date will be absorbed by the board budget contained in HB2.
6. A biennial renewal fee of \$55.00 will be assessed to each telemedicine certificate holder.
7. Revenues collected from the biennial renewal fee will offset expenditures for this new licensing process in future years.

Department of Administration:

8. The impact of this bill appears to be minimal from a tort claims perspective. There would be an additional exposure because the state would be engaging in an activity they had not previously participated in. The main areas for potential suits appear to be issuing a certificate to an individual that should not have a certificate and being sued for denial of a certificate to an individual to whom allegedly should have issued a certificate. These potential suits do not pose a great fiscal impact as long as the criteria for issuance of the certificates is clear and followed by the board.
9. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Justice or Judiciary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY2000 <u>Difference</u>	FY2001 <u>Difference</u>
FTE	0	0.25

Expenditures:

Personal Services	0	\$4,853
Operating Expenses	0	<u>\$3,001</u>
TOTAL		\$7,854

Funding:

State Special Revenue (02)	\$7,854
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Revenues:

State Special Revenue (02)	\$8,000
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):

State Special Revenue (02)	\$146
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